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## *Kang presents letter of credence to Nena*

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Ambassador of the Republic of Korea, His Excellency Keun Taik Kang, based in Fiji, presented his credentials to Vice President Jacob Nena, who received the Letters of Credence as Acting Head-of-State, May 25, this year, in a brief ceremony held in the Cabinet Room.

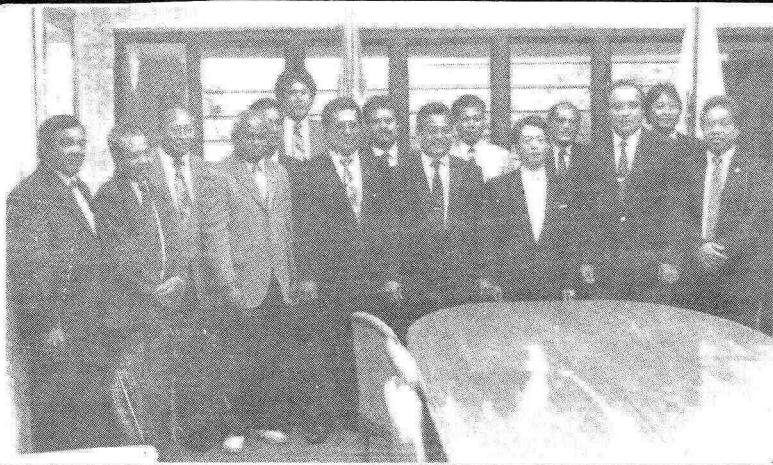
Ambassador Kang succeed Ambassador Young K. Paek who was accredited to the FSM on April 7, last year.

Presented at the brief ceremony were the members of the Cabinet, FSM Congress Speaker, Chairman of the Congress Committee on Transportation and Communication, members of the diplomatic corps, and other FSM and

State officials.

Ambassador Kang delivered his statement in which he extended warm greetings and well wishes from President King Young Sam. Commenting on the relationship between Korea and the FSM, the Ambassador said that the relationship has been, "significantly strengthened and deepened in many areas," since the establishment of diplomatic relations in April 1991 and stated that cooperation between the two countries, "has been expressed in the highest form in many international fora," citing FSM's support of Korea's various candidacies in international organizations as, "invaluable supports of

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**AMBASSADOR KANG PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS** - Ambassador of Korea to the FSM Keun Taik Kang after presenting his credentials to the Vice President, had a group photo session with the President's Cabinet members and FSM Congress Speaker. Front row, left to right: Chief of Staff Bermin Weilbacher, Secretary of Education Catalino Cantero, Secretary of Health Services Dr. Eliuel K. Pretrick, Secretary of Finance Aloysius Tuuth, Attorney General Camillo Noket, Vice President Nena, Ambassador Kang, Speaker Frütz, and Director of Administrative Service Kohne Ramon. Back row, left to right: Public Defender Chief Joseph Phillip, Director of Budget Patrick Mackenzie, Secretary of Transportation and Communication Robert Weilbacher, Secretary of Resources and Development Astorio Takesy, Secretary of External Affairs Resio S. Moses, and National Planner Marcelino Actouka.

## *Amariach nominated as FSM Chief Justice*

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Vice President Jacob Nena, on behalf of President Bailey Olter, transmitted to Congress a resolution proposing Congress to confirm Acting Chief Justice Andon Amariach of Chuuk State as Chief Justice of the FSM Supreme Court.

Justice Amariach was confirmed last year and was designated as Acting Chief Justice following the resignation of Chief Justice Edward C. King.

Justice Amariach is a man of long and distinguished public service, beginning in 1955 as a clerk of Courts in Chuuk District Court, under the Trust Territory Government served as Acting Public Defender, Assistant District Administrator, member of the Chuuk District Congress, and member of the Council of Micronesia.

Amariach served as Special Advisor to the United States Delegation to the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations, Chairman of Special Committee on the Law of the Sea, Congress of Micronesia.

He served as a Legal Staff of the 1975 Micronesian Constitutional Constitution and had personally drafted many of the provisions of our constitution.

Justice Amariach is best known as the Chairman of our future political Status and Chief Negotiator which resulted in the Compact of Free Association with the United States of America.

At the establishment of the FSM Constitutional Government, he was

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Micronesia," to which Korea is grateful.

The Ambassador made reference to the historic, simultaneous membership of Korea and the FSM in the United Nations and asserted that both countries, "should continue to endeavor to achieve their common goals, safeguarding the international peace and stability and promoting the prosperity of the world." He mentioned the effort of the two countries in the field of economic co-operation by saying that Korea and the FSM, "have increasingly exchanged their views and experiences, recognizing that close cooperation would be mutually beneficial to both countries." Ambassador Kang pointed out that Korea would be happy to share its experiences of economic development with the FSM.

In making reference to world affairs, the Ambassador pointed out that though, "many elements of uncertainty still linger in the Asia-Pacific region, a spirit of international reconciliation and co-operation has begun to spread following the end of the cold war." The Ambassador raised North Korea's threat to world peace posed by its nuclear program and called upon the international community to, "actively participate in the international endeavors to persuade North Korea to retract its decision of pulling out of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and to put pressure on Pyongyang to that end."

In concluding, Ambassador Kang affirmed his wish to work with the FSM in his recently entrusted capacity by the President of his country to which he pledged his devotion to, "the fulfillment of his duty including building up such strengthened ties of friendship and cooperation," between the FSM and the Republic of Korea and asked for assistance and cooperation from the FSM Government.

Vice President Nena as acting Head-of-State expressed pleasure in accepting Ambassador Kang's credentials and welcomed him and his staff to the FSM Capital. The Vice President confirmed the existence of a stronger and closer

relationship between Korea and the FSM since their established diplomatic relations over two years ago. Vice President Nena attributed this to a, "foundation of shared values and common interest," between the two countries.

He also made reference to the simultaneous UN membership of both nations, and added that their membership, "could not come at a better time when nations everywhere, realizing the interdependency of mankind, set their priorities on creating a world of peace, justice and liberty for all mankind." The unprecedented changes that have swept Europe and the former Soviet Union were noted by the Vice President. He also alluded to the, "prospects for reconciliation and cooperation on the Korean Peninsula," underscoring the need for the international community to put pressure on North Korea to rejoin the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. "FSM joins the international community in deplored the decision by North Korea and hopes that it retracts its decision in the name of world peace and security," he said.

Vice President Nena alluded to the partnership Korea and the FSM have in the region pointing out that Korea, "has shown active interest in regional concerns on environment, development and security among others." In this regard, the Vice President expressed FSM's appreciation for Korea's economic assistance to the FSM and urged its, "Asian and Pacific friends like Korea to identify areas of cooperation and mutual interest." He then asserted that, "FSM has a lot to learn from Korea's impressive economic development," adding that, "FSM is grateful for the kind invitation to participate in the Taejon Expo."

Vice President Nena conveyed his warm greetings and sincere wishes to President Kim Young Sam and his people, and thanked Ambassador Kang for his important visit to the FSM which, "signifies another important milestone," in the diplomatic relations between Korea and the FSM. He assured the Ambassador of FSM's commitment and support in advancing their, "mutual and

shared interests in the world and in the Pacific."

Ambassador Kang was accompanied by Mr. Euy Sang Too who is the First Secretary at the Korean Embassy in Suva.

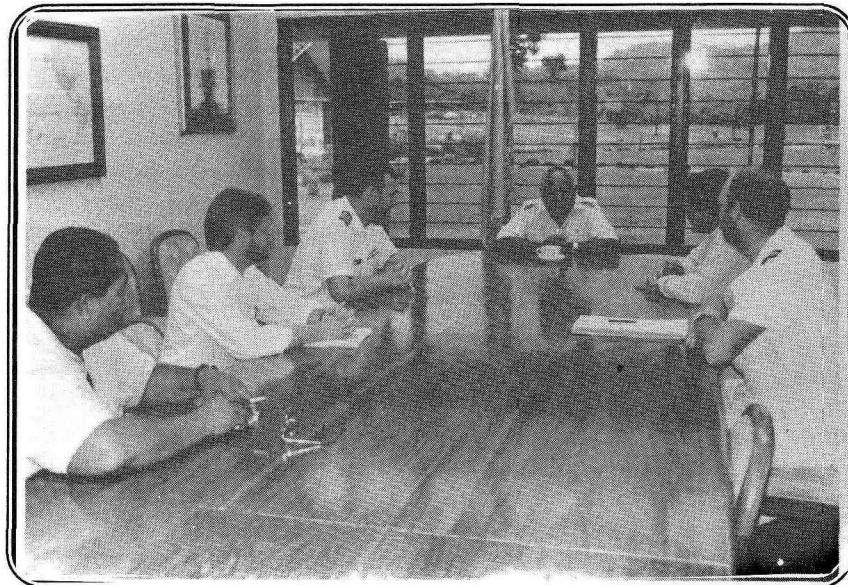
The Ambassador-designate joined the Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs in March 1972 after graduating from Seoul National University with a major in international relations. His diplomatic career credentials include overseas assignments to Korean Embassy in Uganda and the United Kingdom as Second Secretary and First Secretary respectively.

After eleven years of overseas assignment, in 1985 he return to Seoul to assume the post of Director, Security Division, American Affairs Bureau, later became Secretary to the President for Policy Development at the Office of the President. Prior to assuming the ambassadorial post, Mr. Kang was Senior Coordinator for Policy Planning, Office of Policy Planning at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

He is 48 years old and currently married and has three children.

## McDermott replaced White as British High Commissioner to FSM

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Department of External Affairs has been informed via a note by the British Embassy in Tarawa of an announcement made in London on March 1, 1993 that the Queen of England has approved the appointment of Frank McDermott to be the British High Commissioner to the Republic of Kiribati and additionally to be the non-resident British High Commissioner to the Federated States of Micronesia and the Marshall Islands. McDermott is succeeding Derek L. White who is retiring from the Diplomatic Service as the first British High Commissioner formally cross-accredited to the FSM on the 31st of August last year.



**AUSTRALIAN DEPT. OF DEFENSE PERSONNEL VISITED PRESIDENT OLTER**  
*-A group from the Department of the Australian Defense visited President Oler to brief the President on the first annual patrol boat consultation between the FSM and Australia, May 6. this year at the Cabinet Room. (Clockwise) Tadao Sigrah, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Pacific Affairs, Dept. of External Affairs; from the South West Pacific, International Policy Division, Department of Defense in Australia are Glen White, Assistant Director; Captain Andrew B. McKinnon, Director; President Bailey Oler; Australian Ambassador to the FSM Peter Stanford; and Mark Georgelin, Lt. Commander, Royal Australian Navy, FSM Marine Surveillance Advisor.*

## *Captain Pelep laid to eternal rest*

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM President Bailey Oler in a memorandum dated May 17, 1993 to all Departments, offices and Agency Heads saying that he was most saddened to inform them of the untimely passing away of one of the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia's symbolic and decorated employees.

Late Captain Bernard Pelep met his death when he was a master of the MS Caroline Islands on May 16, 1993.

Captain Pelep was among a few Micronesian men who through sheer determination and dedication exerted invaluable and unwitting qualities of personal efforts, worked his way up from the lowest ranking position to achieve the highest leadership position in the merchant marine profession.

Late Captain Pelep was a true Micronesian. Symbolic and indeed a natural representative of a man who was himself his own compass that happened to guide us as we all sadly mourn his everlasting departure.

"I ask that all of us pray together with the family that God shall protect this dedicated and decorated sailor as he has

set his won sail for his endless journey," concluded President Oler's memorandum.

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appointed Secretary of the Department of External Affairs, a position he held until he was confirmed as Associate Justice of the FSM Supreme Court.

"His career of public service is without equal. His qualifications for the office of the Chief Justice of the Federated States of Micronesia are truly beyond question," stated the letter, adding, "I have every reason to believe that Andon Amaraich will not be simply a competent Chief Justice. I hold great hope that he will be a great Chief Justice.

"I respectfully urge the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to confirm the nomination of Justice Amaraich to the post of Chief Justice, at which time, the people of the Federated States of Micronesia may be justifiably proud that all branches of our Government are entrusted into the capable hands of our own citizens," the letter concluded.

## **Nena requesting additional fund**

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Vice President Jacob Nena has transmitted to Speaker Fritz a letter requesting Congress to consider favorably his appropriation request of \$1,130,363 to cover the increases in FSM operational costs including employees' salary increases for which Congress did not provide additional fundings, according to a letter of May 20, 1993.

Appropriations requested are \$851,113 for Executive Branch, \$84,025 for Legislative Branch, \$31,399 for Judiciary Branch, \$28,341 for Independent Agencies and \$127,085 for subsidies and contributions that the FSM Government makes annually to organizations in which it obtained membership.

Nena also proposed that Congress amend P.L. 7-129, to appropriate \$2 million from "Compact Project Account" for projects, the amount must instead be appropriated from the "General Funds Current Account" to remain within the available Compact Capital Account.

Nena pledged any assistance from the administration if needed.

## **Secretary Tuuth Visited Hongkong and Manila**

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The FSM Secretary of the Department of Finance, the Honorable Aloysius Tuuth, returned to Pohnpei on the third of May this year from a trip which took him to Hongkong and Manila, according to FSM Acting Secretary of Finance, Ihlen Joseph.

In Hongkong, Tuuth met with the FSM's International Money Market advisor on market condition and related matters.

In Manila, where Tuuth was joined by the Honorable Astorio Takesy, Secretary of the Department of Resources and Development, and attended the annual meeting of the Asian Development Bank Board of Governors. Tuuth and Takesy met with officials of the Asian Development Bank regarding the FSM \$6.5 million loan.

# Olter emphasized that the FSM need to take steps

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM States and National Leadership conference of the FSM Fisheries Development touched off with a lively start in the FSM Central Facilities, May 17, 1993, with President Bailey Olter elected Chairman.

Olter in welcoming the Governors and State Legislature and National Congress Speakers, both State and FSM Senators and key State and National Government Cabinet, expressed his appreciation for the favorable response received for the conference proposal.

Olter emphasized that the FSM need to take steps to reverse the unfavorable trend faced by the FSM. Collectively, he said, "there is know how in the FSM, but the will to collectively and nurture a unity of purpose must be achieve only through 'goodwill' among the leaders."

Reports on current State's Fisheries activities were made and discussions clarified ambiguities. Such include purse seining; longline fishing activities; processing facilities and addendum shore facilities, and other infrastructures as manpower and training.

Fishing activities in the states are Caroline Fishing Corporation (CFC); Yap Fishing Corporation (YFC); Chuuk Fresh Tuna; Kosrae Cold Storage were some of the operations that the States are currently involved.

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) Loan to the FSM for the Micronesian Longline Fishing Corporation was discussed at length. It was tentatively decided that greater States future involvements will be explored.

Concerns were voiced regarding the size of fish stock within the FSM Exclusive Economic Zone, whether there is market for an expanded fishing activity, etcetera. President Olter raised the question as to whether the FSM is getting a fair share in its partnership ventures with foreign fishing companies. Giving as an example, Pohnpei State is exporting approximately \$9 million worth of tuna, whereas the State is getting a meager \$250,000 in revenue.

President Olter as the Chairman, opened the next morning's Fisheries State and National Leadership Confer-

ence with a manpower report by the Director of the Micronesian Maritime Fisheries Academy (MMFA) Agency Training School in the state of Yap.

MMFA Training School was established by Pacific Missionaries Aviation (PMA) with initial operational funding from private donors, primarily from Germany. But support from Pacific Missionary Aviation sources will no longer be available beginning next year.

As a result, the MMFA will need \$600,000 for the first year and \$400,000 the succeeding four years to keep the school going. FSM and State Gov'ts. agreed to cough up the needed funding for the continuation of the school.

The currently developed five year long range proposed plan from 1993 to 1998 by the Director of the school anticipated training of a total of 345 certified fishermen to man vessels from 12 to 24 meters. Of this number 100 would be purse seiners fishermen, 100 longline fishermen, 50 skippers, 50 engineers 25 able seamen and 25 engine men. According to the Director of the School the \$600,000 for the first year and the \$400,000 for the following four years will pay for all expenses except the air fare for the enrollees to and from their home states.

Chuuk Governor Gouland said his State fully supported the school in which it already has several students attending it. Other Governors gave their supports but not as enthusiastic.

Secretary Asterio Takesy brought up the need for managers to be trained to manage large fishing industries being contemplated by the FSM. In this connection, he told the conferees that he has taken the initiative to conduct some preliminary discussions with some of the staff of the Fisheries Department of the University of Washington. In response, he was told that the University would be willing to devise a three-year training scheme tailored specifically for the FSM participants at the cost of \$750,000. They will undergo theoretical as well as practical fishing industry management training at the end of which time they will be ready to return and run the fisheries companies

in the FSM. Although a lot of discussions were held but no clear decision was reached.

As the Conferees delve into the current fishing operations in the FSM by various publicly owned companies whose ultimate goals were to privatize those companies, it was apparent that certain existing problems must be resolved before the companies are forced to go out of business. Among these issues are rising insurance costs; higher fuel costs in the FSM as compared to prices in Guam, Marshalls and CNMI; and the competitiveness of the marketing of fish. Because of smallness of our catch volumes as compared with the other companies utilizing larger ships they dominated the markets. One solution is to acquire bigger vessels and more vessels.

On the issue of tax on fish caught, YFC representative said his company has stopped paying tax until the FSM Tax law relating to fish sales is clarified. The company's position is that since the sale is not made within the FSM it should not pay tax to the FSM.

CFC, YFC and NFC also voiced problems of access to fishing zones of neighboring countries. They suggested that the Government bring this to the attention of the countries with whom FSM has existing bilateral or multilateral agreements to make special preferential treatment in this respect.

The conferees were of the opinion that further study of numerous obstacles hindering the continued operations of existing or future companies should be conducted and review during the next State and National Fisheries Conference, the time for which was not specified.

The conference was concluded in a closed session of the top FSM and State Executive Branch and Legislative members attending Tuesday afternoon, May 18, 1993.

In attendance from FSM Executive Branch were President Bailey Olter, Vice President Jacob Nena, Secretary Asterio Takesy, Resources and Development; Secretary Al Tuuth, Finance;

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# *to reverse the unfavorable trend faced by the FSM*

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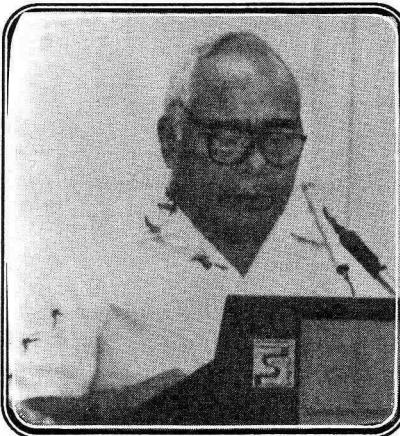
Speaker Fritz, Floor Leader Joseph Urusemal; Chairman Redley Killion, Chairman Nishima Yleizah, Chairman Wagner Lawrence, Senator Moses Mackwelung and some staff from both branches. From Chuuk were Governor Sasao Gouland, Director of Resources and Development Marion Henry; House Speaker Kisande Sos, and Senate President Roger Mori; Director of Education Kangichi Welle and a staff. From Pohnpei were Acting Governor Victor Edwin, Director of Conservation and Resource Surveillance Bumio Silbanuz, State Senators Feliciano Permen and Yosiwo Phillip, and other state officials. From Kosrae were Governor Thurston Siba, Director of Resources and Development Lou Brooks, Speaker Gaius Nedlic, and Senators Asher Asher. And from Yap were Governor Petrus Tun, Speaker Joseph Ayin, Senator Vincent Figir and a number of staff. Present also were Director of Microneisan Maritime Authority Bernard Thoulag, President of National Fisheries Corporation Peter Sitan, Manager of CFC Kapilly Capelle, and James Movick of Pohnpei Fisheries Corporation.

President Olter, in his April 19, official communication to all State Governors and State Legislature Speakers, including the President of Chuuk State Senate, Chairmen of the Board of Directors of NFC, MMA, YFC and CFC, proposed a State and National Leadership Conference to be held in May, to focus only on fisheries matters.

He said that vast sums of public and private funds have been invested in fisheries projects, and must be protected and nurtured so that they can in turn produce the expected dividends.

He added that he thinks it is imperative that leaders agree on an action plan that prevents destructive political and business competitions, but promotes cooperative attitude, and produce lasting integrated commercial fisheries.

He said a master plan for fisheries can be developed with technical expertise, "but we cannot purchase the goodwill that is so critical to produce and make it work. This is the crucial base. We must



**PRESIDENT OLTER** - Above is the President addressing SNLC held in Pohnpei, May this year.

achieve consensus on this in order to move forward in a steady and progressive manner. Viability of commercial fisheries in the FSM can only take root if we unite our efforts and resources. We must work hard to achieve this and we must do sooner than later. We must have the unity of purpose in our Micronesian way, through consensus."

President Olter noted that FSM has in place a nation-wide fisheries policy on which there is still a need for clear agreement on such issues as the overall plan to implement the policy; the strategies for translating the plan into action; and setting the medium and long term objectives against which progress can be measured and monitored.

The President suggested items for preliminary considerations of the FSM leaders: regarding large scale processing plant, it ought to include equity participation by all state and national governments, distribution of which should be left to the discretion of each government. Feasibility studies on desirable quantity, size and site or sites should be done by the National Government; foreign investment be encouraged to ensure reliable markets and management; and as soon as stability is achieved, privatization of all plants should be effectuated.

The current and purse seine ventures should be encouraged to take measures to reduce costs, promote efficiency, strengthen marketing and profitability

by bringing under an umbrella which they can commonly operate.

The NFC should be encouraged to enter into longline joint-ventures with all State governments or their agencies; intensify its efforts in upgrading management and technical capabilities to make available assistance and guidance to fisheries private sectors.

Assessment of current conditions of existing supporting infrastructures such as water, power, sewer, seaports, transportation and telecommunications, which vary from state to state, and to estimate the improvement costs of providing it adequately for fisheries and other ventures.

Trained manpower is critical to the viability of fisheries development, such as managerial and technical for which he suggested the National Government to assume responsibility.

## **Taylor visited FSM to say Farewell**

**PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE)** - Retiring New Zealand Ambassador to the FSM Melvin Taylor and his wife arrived Pohnpei, June 7, 1993, for a three day farewell visit, full of activities. Ambassador Taylor and his wife were guests at a dinner hosted by the Secretary of the Department of External Affairs and Mrs. Moses at the Village Hotel.

The Ambassador and Mrs. Taylor paid courtesy calls on the President, His Excellency Bailey Olter, and the Secretary of the Department of External Affairs, the Honorable Resio S. Moses.

A luncheon was hosted for them at Pohnpei Agriculture and Trade School (PATS) in Madolenihmw by the school's Director, Father Joseph Cavanough.

Ambassador Taylor presented donations to PATS from the school and one to Mr. Nicholson Solomon, Acting President of the Nan Mdol Foundation.

Another dinner for the Ambassador and Mrs. Taylor was hosted by Secretary Moses, Mrs. Moses and certain senior officials of the FSM.

The Ambassador and Mrs. Taylor left Pohnpei June 9, 1993, according to the the Department of External Affairs.

## Vice President Nena treated at Straub

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Vice President Nena, went to Honolulu for a medical check-up, according to an official in the President's office.

Appointments were made for the Vice President to have his check-up done at the Straub Medical Center.

Vice President Nena was accompanied by his wife Lerina and his Special Assistant, Josiah Waguk. They returned to Pohnpei, following a brief stop in their home state, Kosrae.

## Continental Micronesia representative met with FSM officials

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Continental Micronesian Airline company that replaced Continental Airlines in Micronesia met with FSM Leaders in March this year to discuss various issues pertinent to its future plans. In that meeting FSM President Olter suggested that the company include some FSM products in the airlines in flight services. Products such as soaps and creams can be used in the cabin; pepper can be used for dining, and duty free sales can be made on board and to take home to Japan, and so forth.

Customer Service Vice President Court Bourg in his letter to the Secretary of the Department of Resources and Development Astorio Takesy, said he wants to send to Pohnpei during the third week of June, a working group to discuss specific details of this proposal.

Manufacturers could present their products, his group could accept proposals and facilitate implementation or propose alternatives to meet specific service requirements.

Duty free items will involve customs issues and discussions in this regard will be helpful. The potential exists to have FSM products featured in the continental micronesia's brochure for January next year.



**PEHLENG SCHOOL GRADUATION** - Secretary of Education Catalino Cantero was keynote speaker at the Peh leng School Graduation. Above are the graduates in a photo session with the Secretary.

## Law School Admission Test Schedule dates

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Office of Public Defender at the FSM National Government, wishes to announce to all interested persons that Law School Admission Service in Newton, Pennsylvania, has designated FSM Public Office as Law School Admission Test Center No. 0613.

With this designation for 1993 and early 1994, FSM citizens can now take this examination in Pohnpei, according the Chief Public Defender. As such, the FSM Public Defender's Officer will sponsor and proctor the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) at the Central Conference Room in Palikir, Pohnpei State, Federated States of Micronesia. The tests will be on the following dates and time: on June 14, 1993, at 1 p.m.; on October 3rd., 1993 at 8:30 a.m.; on December 5th., 1993 at 8:30 a.m., and last test will be administered on February 13, 1994 at 8:30 a.m.

Registrations for the above scheduled test are now opened to inter-

ested persons at the Office of Public Defender in Palikir at Telephone No. Area Code (691) 320-2648 or Fax: 320-320-5775, or the FSM Public Defender's Branch Offices located in the State of Pohnpei, Kosrae, Chuuk and Yap, for Registration Forms.

For the test scheduled for June 14, 1993, at 1 p.m., registration forms must be submitted to Public Defender's Office by June 7, 1993.

In addition, the office wishes to announce to the general public; especially those FSM citizens who are actively seeking enrollment into law school this summer or this coming fall semester, that law scholarship funds are still available between now and September 30, 1993.

All interested Federated States of Micronesia citizens, contact the central Office of Public Defender in Palikir, Pohnpei at telephone number, 320-2648, or through Fax: 320-5775, or mail to P.O. Box PS 174, Palikir, Pohnpei, FM 96941.

## FSM Vice President Nena addressed COM-FSM graduation

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The College of Micronesia-FSM (COM-FSM) graduated 93 students in May this year, awarding 30 Associate in Science (AS) Degrees to two students in Agriculture, three in Accounting, one in Education, 22 in General Business, and two in Marine Science; and 34 students were awarded Associate of Arts (AA) Degrees in these disciplines, 34 in Liberal Arts, ten of which were in Health Career Opportunity Program (HCOP).

The College in its role as Teacher Education Center, from which the College was the outgrowth, awarded 28 Third Year Certificates, with 27 certificates awarded in Elementary Education and one Certificate was awarded in Special Education.

The Honor Roll List (Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.40 to 4.0) were as follows: from Chuuk, John Yostata and Karaten Namelo; from Pohnpei were Aileen Diopulos, Elizabeth Ezra, Eimihna Flores, Jennifer Hainrick and Youdiynn David, and Yap, Robert En. The valedictorians were Yostata and Flores who also gave their remarks during the graduation.

Guest Speaker for the Graduation was the Honorable Vice President Nena.

"I am most honored and privileged to be invited by the graduating class to share this special occasion with you. I thank you very much," he said.

"The achievement of your college work up to this point" he said, "is an indication of your strong commitment and success. It will pave your future in wanting to be successful and complete in any life challenges.

Vice President Nena said the College has been restructured to give more administrative control to each country over its College, to reflect the local development. FSM has not benefited from case study analysis because of its remoteness but with the recent restructuring will lead to higher quality and skillful labor force.

He stressed the importance of the expansion of COM-FSM into a four years program as soon as possible, expand into priority vocational areas and spe-

cialized disciplines to solve skills shortages in the labor force.

"The College education has given you more knowledge of your nation," he said, adding, "and in order to be goal-oriented we need to know yourselves better. We need to commit ourselves to certain goals." The two issues plaguing the FSM's efforts to develop itself is the lack of skillful laborers in FSM. As a result investors wish to invest in the FSM but can not find adequate skilled laborers. Therefore, they resorted to alien laborers.

The Vice President said that the students pursuing academic studies can further their education at the College while vocational oriented students have no higher institution in the FSM to which to further their skills. This has created a critical dilemma for which FSM must resolve in order to engage in the nation-building tasks.

Vice President Nena expressed his confidence that the new Board of Regent will support expansion of academic programs and the immediate establishment of appropriate vocational trainings beginning with short term apprenticeship programs where necessary.

The second issue raised by Vice President Nena was the "rate manpower production." "Speaking of fisheries pro-

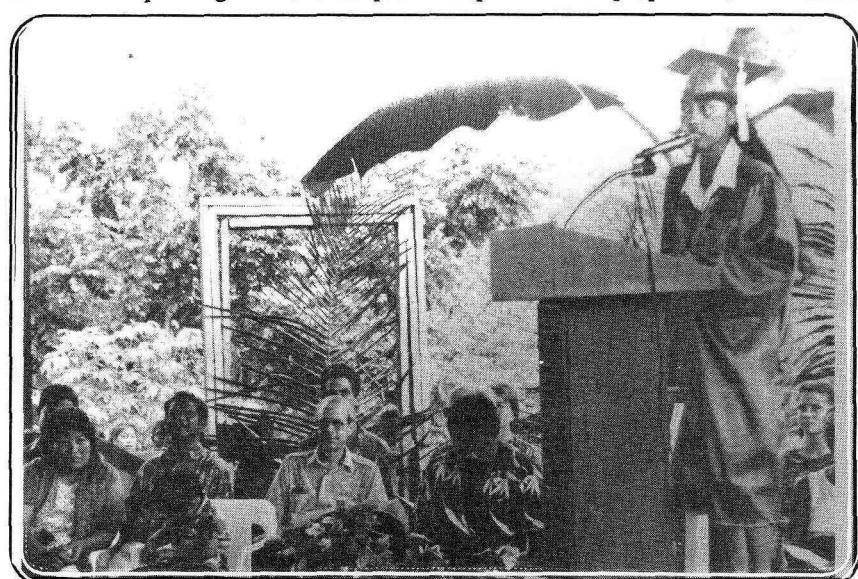
duction," Vice President Nena said, "the FSM must triple its present production output." Illustrating his statement, he said, "if FSM fishermen fished for five hours covering 25 square miles area catching 30 tons of yellowfins worth \$50,000 on the market, a foreigner who fishes within 25 square miles in only two hours would catch 200 tons for half a million dollars.

Another example given by the Vice President was the efficiency of the Banking services in the FSM. Assuming that normal world record for the processing of commercial loan application is two hours, and assuming that in the FSM it takes at least three months, its can clearly depicts how it can adversely affect favorable progress.

"I challenge you to become specialists in either your experience or in furthering your education to your nations demand. I challenge you to better utilize your time and start the up beat of manpower high rates of productivity and efficiency. I wish you luck in your future dealings," he told the graduates.

Graduated were nine Kosraeans, one Marshallese, 12 Chuukese, seven Yapese and 38 Pohnpeian.

At the ceremony were FSM and State officials, College Regents and faculty, Diplomatic Corps, parents, and friends.



VALEDICTORIAN - At the COM-FSM commencement exercise, the valedictorian Eimihna Flores of Pohnpei, delivered her speech. The other valedictorian speech was by John Yostata of Chuuk who graduated in the third year teacher program. Sitting are the staff and faculty of the college.



**MOBILE GAMES** - Above is the team from Palau which won the 1993 Mobile Games (baseball) held in Pohnpei. Also participated in the 1993 Mobile Games were teams from Guam, CNMI and the FSM.

## Vice President Nena welcomed Mobile Games

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Mobil Games 1993 was opened in Pohnpei on May 21, 1993, in the ball field by the College of Micronesia-FSM in Kolonia following the raising of the colors and playing of the National Anthems of participating entities, and remarks by the invited guest speakers.

The welcoming remarks was given by FSM Vice President Nena, keynote address by the President of Mobil Oil Micronesia Kaiser Jr., and closing remarks by Acting Governor Edwin.

Vice President Nena welcomed the Palau All Star Team, the Guam Amateur Team, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas team and expressed support and appreciation from the FSM in host this year's games.

In his keynote remarks Kaiser Jr., stated that Mobil Oil Micronesia is committed to development of baseball sports throughout Micronesia and encourage

young Micronesians to form their teams and begin their trainings.

Edwin expressed the State's appreciations to the traditional leaders and the general public for welcoming the players to Pohnpei and asked for their hospitality to be extended to the guests so they could have a pleasant stay. Edwin also echoed the welcoming remarks by earlier speakers and promised his administration will do every thing possible to make the games a success.

The Invocation was delivered by Deacon Geranimo Victor of Pohnpei Catholic Church and the Benediction by Rev. Rensiper Jack, United Church of Christ of Pohnpei. Pohnpei's Sports Council's Vice President Shelten Neth was the Masters of Ceremony. Music for the occasion was provided by the Mobil Choir.

The team from Palau took first place, Guam, second, CNMI, third, and FSM fourth.

## Winner of poster contest is Eperiam

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The National winner of this year's Family Health Planning Poster Drawing Contest between Kosrae and Pohnpei High School Seniors, were, first place, Seniora Eperiam from Pohnpei with the \$150 grand prize; the second place \$75 went to Jefrey Tifas from Kosrae High School and the third place \$50 prize went to Alik Fatiki also from Kosrae High School. The National winners were selected from among the States winners.

State winners were from Pohnpei High School, first place with a winning price of \$100 was Seniora Eperiam; second place for \$75 winner was Jackie Solomon and the third place winner of \$50 price was Johnson Miquel; from Kosrae High School the first prize winner of \$100 was Jefrey Tifas, second place winner with a prize of \$75 was Pasulin Jack and the third price of \$50 went to Alik Fatiki.

All states were notified of the contest.

The selection of winning posters was judged on a number of pre-selected criteria, including originality of the drawing, that the theme for the drawing either be related to family planning issues and/or over-population problems and the neatness of the drawing.

The FSM Department of Health Services has recommended to the two states which participated in the contest that the cash award presentations to the contest winners be made on the day of their graduation. Emphasizing the importance of the family health planning program in the FSM.

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